



Bush FY05 Budget Education Priorities in Iraq vs. Priorities in America

	Iraq	America
Helping Citizens with Job Training	<p>\$60 million for demobilizing and job training for 130,000 enemy combatants.</p> <p>\$353 million for American-Iraqi Enterprise Fund and job training</p>	<p>23.8 percent cut (\$316 million) in vocational education, despite President's promise to create "Jobs for the 21st Century" program</p> <p>\$151 million cut in adult training, dislocated worker activities, employment service state grants, and grants to states for reemployment services</p>
Providing Access to Higher Education	<p>\$20 million for Higher Education and Development (HEAD) projects, creating US-Iraqi University partnerships to expand access to higher education for all Iraqis</p>	<p>60.3 percent cut (\$101 million) for Perkins Loans, and \$327 million cut in Pell Grants, closing the door to higher education opportunities for millions of lower income students</p>
Expanding Literacy	<p>\$40 million for building 275 schools and training 10,000 teachers</p>	<p>\$8 million cut for reading programs from Department of Education</p>
Providing Children with Basic Skills	<p>USAID Accelerated Learning Program provides intensive personal education to low income and at risk Iraqi children</p>	<p>2.5 percent (\$177 million) funding for Head Start by 2006, even though head Start currently can only serve 13.5 % of eligible children because of funding restrictions</p>